

# Chairboys

## Gas

*A Magazine by Supporters  
of  
Wycombe Wanderers F.C.*

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NEWS



• Lincoln City, who play in the GM Vauxhall Conference, yesterday signed Graham Bressington from Wycombe Wanderers for about £20,000.

He also hopes to snap up midfield man Graham Brassington from Wycombe Wanderers. But Wycombe want a substantial fee, and Barnet face strong competition from big spenders Lincoln City.

## LINCOLN SNATCH RAMBO!

Manager Colin Murphy said : "We've been very impressed with Graham and I'm certain we'll have him playing for the Welsh full team within a year."

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Barnet  
bid  
for  
Rambo

Bressington goes for £20,000 but backs Blues to stay up

BLUES' midfield maestro Graham Bressington could be leaving Wycombe, it was revealed this week. Bressington, sent off in last Saturday's match against Boston Utd, was due to have secret talks with Barnet manager Barry Fry this week, who is thought to be interested in signing the fans' favourite.

Sources say Bressington is unhappy with chairman Brian Lee and is looking for a move from Loakes Park.



Barnet's Steve Cox and Ian Ferguson have joined Wycombe Wanderers on loan, after manager Barry Fry rejected a £12,000 bid for the pair. But Fry won't be signing Wycombe's Graham Brassington, who has moved to Lincoln City.

## CITY SPLASH OUT

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### EDITORIAL

What foresight, What vision! I am of course referring to last month's issue of Chairboys Gas when it was claimed that Graham Bressington was 'The new Noel Ashford'. This of course meaning that he was our best player and about to leave for 'quite a lot of money'.

Also in last month's issue was Part 1 of an interview with Brian Lee. The concluding part of this interview will appear in next month's edition when hopefully more of you will have had a chance to read it and air your views. Copies are now available from the Club Shop for those who missed out.

On the playing side this month we only have three Conference games arranged beginning with the visit of Boston to Loakes Park. The following Saturday we pay visit to Runcorn - venue of many a Wycombe nightmare in the past. On December 19 we break from League action to meet Cheltenham Town at home in the First Round of the F A Trophy (Anton returns!) while Boxing Day sees our Conference 'local derby' with Kettering Town at Rockingham Road.

Hopefully you will have found this month's edition a little easier to come by than previous issues - indeed you may be reading us for the first time. If you have any suggestions for articles or can contribute in anyway we would be glad to hear from you. Meanwhile it's on with the regular features.  
Enjoy the reading.

Paul Lewis

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A VIEW FROM THE TOP OF TESCO'S CAR PARK  
with Simon Burrage.

"Hello, is that the Samaritans?"

"Yes. Can I help you?"

"I doubt it. I'm on the roof of Tesco's Car Park. I've had enough. I can't take anymore."

"You're on the roof of Tesco's Car Park? Is there a call box up there now then?"

"What's that got to do with it anyway? If you must know I'm using my car phone. I knew it would come in handy one day....anyway are you going to help me or not? I'm going to jump, I am, I'm going to jump...."

"Calm down, calm down. That's better. Now, tell me, what's the problem?"

"Well, I'm a Wycombe supporter you see, and..."

"You're a Wycombe supporter? I think you might as well jump, mate."

"Charming! A great help you are!"

"Sorry. Look, I really do want to help. It's just that you're the 32nd Wycombe supporter that's phoned us this month. Had one this morning, in fact, a Peter Sod..Sid..Suddaby, that's it. Claimed to be Wycombe's Manager!."

"Really? So I suppose you've heard all the stories already then..."

"Yep. I've heard the one about the popular, successful manager being given the boot just before the season begins, I've heard about the star England International leaving, I've heard about the local hero midfield dynamo leaving, the possible signings who weren't in the least bit interested in coming to Wycombe, the massive defeats..."

"Give it a rest will you, you're supposed to be talking me out of throwing myself over the edge....not listing the reasons for doing it!"

"Sorry. By the way, what's all that noise I can hear? Is there someone else up there with you?"

"Someone? There's 1,100 of us up here actually."

"Christ. That could make quite a mess on the pavement...anyway listen, don't do anything silly will you, think about the positive points. You've still got..well, you can always...er...well...yes, you're still in the F A Trophy and the Berks and Bucks aren't you?"

"Huh. We'll probably be out of the Trophy before Christmas."

"Yeah, and my team will probably do you again in the Berks and Bucks!"

"Your team? Who do you support then?"

"Aylesbury"

"VAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA....."

"Hello are you still there? Hello? Hello?"

Wycombe supporters will need no reminding that there has been two main features distinguishing the Club's season so far (so why is he reminding us - Sarcastic Ed); one being the lack of success on the field, the other being the tremendous support from the terraces. Much has already been said and written about the former of these two issues, so let's dwell on the latter for a while. Home attendances this season have been quite astonishing. They simply do not bear any comparison with those of recent years. Now I'm not a statistics person - no-one could compete with Steve "ask me how many corners-kicks we had in that match" Maguire - but even I can remember that during our last Conference/Gala season gates at Loakes Park were usually well below the 1,000 mark. When the figures went over the thousand last season, I put it down to the fact that we were winning, winning, winning. I suspect I was not alone in expecting that crowds might actually drop this season in the Conference, because people - or so I thought - simply like to watch a winning team. What makes this season's

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figures even more remarkable is that as things have become more and more desperate on the playing side, the turnstiles have actually clicked faster and faster. Take the recent matches with Sutton and Dagenham, for example. Both were Conference fixtures, both on Tuesday evenings, in similar weather conditions, with seven days between the two. Versus Sutton - who had hit the headlines three days earlier with an F A Cup win over Football League opposition, and probably brought close to 100 supporters with them - the attendance was 1,217. One week later, we played Dagenham - surely one of the least attractive sides in the GMVC along with ourselves, Bath, Wealdstone and Northwich. Dagenham brought absolutely no support whatsoever; I made a point of watching (and listening) when they scored their goal - ONE person clapped behind their goal, and there was complete silence from the stand. But the attendance was 1,225, which effectively means quite a few more home supporters were present than had been the previous week, with just a 4-2 defeat at Altrincham between the home games. As Andy said over the Tannoy, "God knows what gates we would get if we actually started winning". After the (shambolic) victory over Dagenham, will police be required to set a limit on the crowd for the Boston match?! I suppose it should be said that the attendance 'boom' is largely due to a nationwide increase in interest in the GMVC, but we are clearly the only club in the bottom group to have benefited to this extent.

It's the away support that's been particularly impressive recently, though. At Altrincham the support was loud and feverishly enthusiastic from the kick-off to the final whistle. If anyone reading this is a 'home only' fan, let me tell you that you are missing out on a lot. The efforts of the players and supporters at Altrincham would have left you "proud to be a Chairboy". Having taken an early lead and then fallen behind before half-time, the contingent behind the goal roared endless encouragement as the Wanderers strove to equalise. When Phil Lovell eventually headed that richly deserved equaliser, the terraces were a mass of celebration. How we would have greeted a winner, which Mark West so nearly supplied, is anyone's guess. But we all know how cruel football can be at times, and cruel it certainly was to see Alty so casually notch a couple of late goals to send us back down the M6 empty-handed once again. It's difficult to describe how it feels for a supporter to see that happen...you feel sorry for the players, the players probably feel sorry for us. Not fair, is it? Unfortunately, it is fair. Although 'morally' we may have deserved a draw at Altrincham from the point of view that our players fought their guts out to score twice, whereas Altrincham, it seemed, did not need that level of commitment to score four. The difference was there for all to see when Timmons chased a long ball towards the edge of our penalty area with a few minutes remaining and simply, almost casually, thumped the ball before Gary Lester could even blink. Cruel maybe, but not unfair and not "unlucky".

Still, at least we did have a stroke of luck against Dagenham when their 'keeper chose to throw the ball straight to Graham Westley on the edge of the penalty area, and then allowed the resulting shot to slip through his legs. A little ironic and very pleasing that such a goalkeeping 'cock-up' should enable us to take three points from 'The Daggers' because some of us still have nightmares about the Runcorn v Dagenham match in May 1985 when a fluke goal by Dagenham 'keeper John Jacobs gave them the undeserved point which sent us down on goal difference. Oh dear, I didn't really want to remind myself of that particular season again. I just wish I could forget 1985....I wish I could be confident that we won't be going through a similar situation again next Spring. After all, we're hardly likely to escape relegation on goal difference this season either. are we?!....Hello, is that the Samaritans?...

**DO THEY MEAN US?**  
**investigated by Steve Maguire**

During recent weeks it has been noticeable that any comments in print about the Wanderers recent form (or lack of it) have been rather more restrained than some of the comments made by other clubs' supporters and officials.

A number of papers including those covering Enfield & Lincoln have commented on the number of goals we have conceded, while Tommy Docherty in the Altrincham programme glossed over two months without a league win simply saying that we were "*not enjoying the best of fortunes at the moment*". On the terraces, however, there have been the expected quota of "*Going Down*" chants, while at Boston some of the home supporters commented at half time that they wished they could play against our defence every week.

There has been no escape either by going to watch other teams play. CHAIRBOYS GAS was represented at the Berkhamsted v Barnet FA Cup-tie a few weeks back and after one of the Barnet players had missed an open goal his own fans playfully taunted him singing "*You couldn't score against Wycombe*". Perhaps the best summing up of the situation came from Kettering boss Alan Buckley before his championship-chasing side played at Loakes Park a few weeks ago. Thanks to an open window in the away dressing room a fair number of supporters heard his pre-match team talk when he stressed to his side the importance of winning that afternoon to close the gap on Barnet, and he finished by saying "*You've got to beat this lot - because everybody else has!*"

The visit to Altrincham provided supporters with a number of talking points, the presence of royalty (\*) in the pub next to the ground before the game (some people stood up as a mark of respect), the strange sight of Wycombe taking the lead and the stupid behaviour of some of the local stewards goading visiting fans (has no one told them that they are supposed to help prevent crowd trouble, not start it?). The biggest laugh at Moss Lane was provided by a group of total strangers (who were those scarfed men?), who were really getting behind the Wanderers, but had people in stitches when they claimed that "*We're the pride of Oxfordshire*".

Back to the subject of local papers and the increased coverage in the BUCKS FREE PRESS, which has been mentioned before in this magazine. The amount of space devoted to The Wanderers affairs appears to have doubled since our spell in the top-flight two seasons ago (I certainly did not expect them to send anyone to cover the game at Altrincham) and this was really brought home when I was given a copy of a Sutton paper covering their match against us and their win over Aldershot in the FA Cup. The Aldershot game, proclaimed by Sutton manager Barrie Williams as the club's best ever result, gets just half a page of coverage (including four photos) while the report of the Wycombe/Sutton game runs to just 134 words. Although you might not agree with some of the things the FREE PRESS has said this season (I'm sure club officials won't), at least they are making the effort again. For what it's worth, I think most of what the BFP has had to say this season has been a reasonable reflection of the views being expressed on the terracing.

\* obscure reference to the Chairman of Wycombe Wanderers F C



Surprise defeats by title contenders KETTERING TOWN and LINCOLN CITY allowed BARNET to regain their place at the top of the Conference. Barnet's only loss of League points during November came in a 1-1 draw at Kettering Town. Kettering lost at KIDDERMINSTER and BATH CITY and at home to ALTRINCHAM while Lincoln dropped two points in a 0-0 home draw with WEYMOUTH and also lost 4-1 at SUTTON.

BARNET added to their long list of signings for the season when they captured defender/midfielder Everton Carr on a free-transfer from BATH CITY. Carr, who started the season with WEYMOUTH, also played one game on loan at AYLESBURY UNITED just four days before making his Barnet debut in their 2-0 victory at CHELTENHAM TOWN. Carr was introduced into that game following an injury to Noel Ashford in the 44th minute. Ashford had to leave the field following a crunching tackle with Cheltenham's Ray Baverstock, described by Manager Barry Fry as "a disgraceful tackle, and the culprit, who was booked, was lucky not to be sent-off".

Ashford, following pain-killing injections for a badly bruised shoulder, was able to play in the top of the table clash at Rockingham Road four days later against KETTERING TOWN and provided a superb cross for Dave Sansom to head in Barnet's 52nd minute equaliser. In the same game tragedy struck in the 73rd minute when following a challenge with Kettering's striker Doug Keast, Barnet's likeable 'keeper Steve Humphries broke his right leg. Left-back Peter Brown took over in goal for the night and Andy Lomas, recently on trial with Newcastle United, will deputise while Humphries recovers.

At the other end of the table, WEALDSTONE, who have won just one game all season, have lost Manager Terry Burton. Burton, who took over from Colin Meldrum in September of this season, resigned following failure to achieve one single victory in his thirteen Conference and Cup matches in charge. Ironically, their only win of the season, a 1-0 home success over Enfield, was achieved when the Club were without a manager. 'The Stones' are currently interviewing possible replacements and former Wycombe boss Alan Gane has been linked with the position that has now been vacated by three managers in the past ten months.

The G M Vauxhall Conference are assured of at least two clubs in the Third Round Proper of the F A Cup on January 9 following the pairing of MAIDSTONE UNITED with KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS and WELLING UNITED with BATH CITY. In addition LINCOLN CITY, SUTTON UNITED, RUNCORN, MACCLESFIELD TOWN and NORTHWICH VICTORIA all have the chance to play First and Second Division sides in the Third Round Proper if they overcome Football League opposition in the Second Round Proper on December 5.

The competition proper of the F A Trophy opens on Saturday December 19 with a full representation from the GMVC. The north/south regionalised draw has thrown up some interesting ties, including WINDSOR & ETON v BARNET and AYLESBURY UNITED v KETTERING TOWN. Wycombe's clash with CHELTENHAM TOWN is one of only two 'all Conference' clashes in the First Round draw - the other being the Cheshire derby RUNCORN v NORTHWICH VICTORIA. Last season's Trophy winners KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS take on the current leaders of the Northern Premier League, FRICKLEY ATHLETIC.

G.M. Vauxhall Conference



Up to and including Monday 30th November 1987

POS	TEAM	HOME						AWAY						PTS
		PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Barnet	18	7	1	1	31	11	5	3	1	18	7	40	
2	Lincoln City	19	7	1	1	21	3	4	2	4	13	18	36	
3	Kettering Town	21	7	3	2	19	10	4	0	5	11	12	36	
4	Stafford Rangers	21	5	2	3	20	15	4	5	2	17	12	34	
5	Weymouth	16	7	2	0	15	2	3	1	3	7	4	33	
6	Maidstone United	19	4	1	5	16	15	5	3	1	20	10	31	
7	Telford United	21	4	4	2	16	11	4	2	5	16	15	30	
8	Macclesfield Town	18	4	2	3	16	13	4	3	2	12	12	29	
9	Sutton United	18	4	2	3	15	8	3	5	1	15	9	28	
10	Runcorn	19	5	2	2	15	9	2	5	3	11	12	28	
11	Kidderminster Harr	19	5	2	2	20	14	3	2	5	14	20	28	
12	Cheltenham Town	19	3	4	1	12	8	3	5	3	13	16	27	
13	Altrincham	20	5	2	3	15	10	3	1	6	11	16	27	
14	Enfield	21	4	4	2	21	16	3	2	6	14	21	27	
15	Boston United	19	5	3	2	16	10	2	1	6	11	20	25	
16	Welling United	16	4	2	3	15	8	2	0	5	10	21	20	
17	Fisher Athletic	18	3	3	4	10	13	2	2	4	10	11	20	
18	Wycombe Wanderers	21	2	4	5	12	29	2	2	6	18	19	18	
19	Dagenham	21	3	2	5	13	22	1	3	7	10	25	17	
20	Bath City	19	3	2	5	11	14	0	2	7	6	22	13	
21	Northwich Victoria	15	1	3	2	6	7	1	3	5	5	17	12	
22	Wealdstone	20	1	5	4	8	14	0	4	6	8	24	12	



F A TROPHY FIRST ROUND PROPER  
Saturday 19 December 1987

KIDDERMINSTER HAR	v	Frickley Athletic
Bromsgrove Rovers	v	Blyth Spartans
Newcastle Blue Star	v	Rhyl
South Liverpool	v	LINCOLN CITY
Gateshead	v	Corby Town
Burton Albion	v	Barrow
Nuneaton Borough	v	Marine
Bangor City	v	BOSTON UNITED
Caernarfon Town	v	STAFFORD RANGERS
Hyde United	v	ALTRINCHAM
Buxton Town	v	TELFORD UNITED
Vitton Albion	v	Whitby Town
RUNCORN	v	NORTHWICH VIC
South Bank	v	Spennymoor United or Whitley Bay

MACCLESFIELD TOWN	v	Bishop Auckland
WELLING UNITED	v	Leyton-Wingate
Fareham Town	v	Hendon
FISHER ATHLETIC	v	Marlow
ENFIELD	v	Worthing
Slough Town	v	DAGENHAM
Windsor & Eton	v	BARNET
Gloucester City	v	Yeovil Town
Farnborough Town	v	Crawley Town
SUTTON UNITED	v	Bishop's Stortford
Cambridge City	v	Poole Town
Aylesbury United	v	KETTERING TOWN
Banbury United	v	WEALDSTONE
Vokingham Town	v	Tooting & Mitcham
BATH CITY	v	Merthyr Tydfil
Harrow Borough	v	WEYMOUTH
MAIDSTONE UNITED	v	Dartford
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	v	CHEL滕HAM TOWN

# SEASON BY SEASON

1947-8

## SUMMARY by Steve Maguire.

Looking back at the events at Loakes park forty years ago we find that some things have not changed very much. During the 1947/48 season the Club were forced to print warning notices in the programme after missiles were thrown during a match, there were complaints from supporters about the length of time it took to get back from away matches, while Club Secretary Reggie Boreham stated that there was no truth in rumours which linked the Club with a number of 'star' players of the day.

The travel problems were caused by petrol rationing rather than Motts Coaches. A cut in the ration forced people out of their cars and onto buses, causing problems for fans and players alike. Some supporters had to wait for over three hours for a coach after the F A Cup match at Southall, while full-back George Jackson missed the first twenty minutes of one game because all the buses passing his Wycombe Marsh home were full.

On the pitch the Wanderers were rather more successful in cup competitions than in the League. In the F A Cup a crowd of over 7000 (receipts £300) saw us take revenge on Hayes, who had put us out the previous season, but we eventually went down to a last minute winner at home to Southall.

Late goals were also the order of the day throughout our Amateur Cup run which saw our first ever meeting with northern giants Bishop Auckland. A late penalty miss settled the tie with Walthamstow, with Wycombe 'keeper Norman Holliman still kicking the goalpost to get the mud off his boots when Walthamstow 'scored' from the spot. However, the referee insisted that the kick be re-taken and Avenue's second attempt was blasted over the bar and we went through. In the next round some 50 coachloads of Wycombe fans saw more drama at St Albans when centre-half Vickers, despite an injured shoulder, made the score 2-2 with just moments of normal time left. Peter Birdseye then scored in the last few seconds of extra-time to earn a replay. The following week we again left it late at Loakes Park in the replay, two goals in the last twelve minutes of extra-time putting us through.

Supporters of a nervous disposition were advised to give the Third Round game with Ilford a miss, where once again we came from behind to win. After being two goals down after an hour it was Peter Birdseye to the rescue again with the last goal of his hat-trick coming in the final minute. The team's fighting spirit was shown once again in the Quarter-Final away to Bishop Auckland. 3-nil down at one stage we recovered to 3-2 but a disputed goal to the home side proved too much and we made our exit from the competition.

There was more disappointment in the County Senior Cup when our reign as holders was ended at Elm Park by Chesham United, making it an unhappy Easter for the Club - on Good Friday the Reserves had been beaten in the B & B Intermediate Cup Final by Flackwell Heath in front of 5,534 people.

1947/48 saw the Club run a junior side for the first time while there was another first when Loakes Park staged its first international with 8,600 seeing England's Youth team beat Wales Youth 4-3 on 28th February 1948.



COMPETITION	PL	W	D	L	FOR	AGA
Isthmian League	26	7	5	14	51	65
F A Challenge Cup	5	3	1	1	12	8
F A Amateur Cup	5	3	1	1	12	13
Berks & Bucks Senior Cup	3	2	0	1	8	5
Wycombe Hospital Cup	1	1	0	0	3	0
Friendly	3	0	1	2	8	11
TOTAL	43	16	8	19	94	102

**GOALSCORERS SUMMARY FOR SEASON 1947-1948**

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GAME	DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP.	V	RESULT	H-T	ATT	SCORERS
1	23/08/47	Carpathians	Fr	H	L 3-4	(3-3)		Gearing, Dean, Birdseye
2	30/08/47	Romford	IL	A	L 2-4	(0-1)	Hunt 2	
3	06/09/47	Hounslow	FAC ExPr	H	W 4-2	(2-1)	Dean 2, Hunt, McCullum	
4	11/09/47	Oxford City	IL	A	L 2-5	(2-2)	Hunt 2	
5	13/09/47	Walthamstow Avenue	IL	A	L 0-1	(0-1)		
6	20/09/47	Uxbridge	FAC Pr	H	W 3-1	(0-1)	Dean, Hunt, McCullum	
7	27/09/47	Wimbledon	IL	A	D 5-5	(2-3)	Birdseye 3, Dean, McCullum	
8	04/10/47	Hayes	FAC 10	H	W 1-0	(0-0)	6778 Hunt	
9	11/10/47	Corinthian Casuals	IL	H	W 3-0	(0-0)	38882 Jackson, Dean, Hunt	
10	18/10/47	Southall	FAC 20	A	D 3-3	(2-2)	Hunt 2, Birdseye	
11	25/10/47	Southall	FAC 20Re	H	L 1-2	(0-0)	8825 Birdseye	
12	01/11/47	Dulwich Hamlet	IL	A	D 1-1	(0-1)	Strong	
13	08/11/47	Romford	IL	H	W 4-0	(3-0)	4709 McCullum, Blannery 2, Avery	
14	15/11/47	Clapton	IL	H	W 3-1	(2-1)	Wharton, Gearing 2	
15	22/11/47	Hendon	Fr	H	D 4-4	(1-1)	Avery, Perkins 2, McCullum	
16	29/11/47	Tufnell Park	IL	A	L 1-2	(0-2)	Gearing	
17	06/12/47	Kingstonian	IL	A	L 2-4	(2-0)	Avery, Wharton	
18	13/12/47	Walthamstow Avenue	IL	H	L 1-2	(1-1)	4100 Perkins	
19	20/12/47	Clapton	IL	A	L 1-3	(1-2)	Birdseye	
20	26/12/47	Saint Albans City	IL	H	L 1-3	(1-2)	Avery	
21	27/12/47	Saint Albans City	IL	A	L 1-3	(0-0)	Avery	
22	03/01/48	Eastbourne	Fr	A	L 1-3	(1-0)	Bunce	
23	10/01/48	Woking	IL	H	W 4-3	(1-3)	Avery, Junger, McCullum, Gearing	
24	17/01/48	Walthamstow Avenue	FAAC 1	H	W 2-1	(1-0)	5881 McCullum, Barkus	
25	24/01/48	Hunlley & Palmers	B&B 2	A	W 4-2	(3-0)	Butler 2, Birdseye, McCullum	
26	31/01/48	Saint Albans City	FAAC 2	A	D 3-3	(1-1)	6844 Vickers, Birdseye 2	
27	07/02/48	Saint Albans City	FAAC 2R	H	W 2-1	(0-0)	10366 McCullum, Butler	
28	14/02/48	Ilford	FAAC 3	A	W 3-2	(0-1)	Birdseye 3	
29	21/02/48	Oxford City	IL	H	D 1-1	(0-1)	Avery	
30	28/02/48	Bishop Auckland	FAAC 4	A	L 2-6	(1-3)	10129 Barkus, McCullum	
31	06/03/48	Stough Centre	B&B S/F	N	W 3-1	(0-0)	3800 McCullum, Jackson, Birdseye	
32	13/03/48	Wimbledon	IL	H	W 2-1	(2-1)	3650 Birdseye 2	
33	20/03/48	Corinthian Casuals	IL	A	L 0-2	(0-1)		
34	27/03/48	Woking	IL	A	L 2-4	(0-2)	Barkus, Wegrzyk	
35	29/03/48	Chesham United	B&B Fin	N	L 1-2	(1-2)	8578 Butler	
36	03/04/48	Ilford	IL	H	D 2-2	(1-1)	McCullum, Wegrzyk	
37	08/04/48	Leytonstone	IL	A	L 2-7	(0-3)	Wegrzyk, Blannery	
38	18/04/48	Kingstonian	IL	H	L 0-3	(0-1)		
39	14/04/48	Leytonstone	IL	H	W 4-1	(1-0)	3500 McCullum 3, Youngman	
40	17/04/48	Ilford	IL	A	D 2-2	(0-2)	Dean 2	
41	24/04/48	Tufnell Park	IL	H	L 2-3	(2-2)	Youngman 2	
42	01/05/48	Dulwich Hamlet	IL	H	W 3-2	(1-0)	Youngman 3	
43	08/05/48	Moor Green	WyHC	H	W 3-0	(2-0)	4000 McCullum, Wegrzyk 2	

The VAUXHALL-OPEL



League News

BROMLEY made it to the top of the VOL Premier Division by the end of November following a month that had seen them unbeaten in all competitions. They ended the month with an impressive 4-2 home victory over early pacemakers, FARNBOROUGH TOWN

Bromley, who have also progressed to the Third Round of the AC Delco Cup and to the Second Round of the GMAC Cup, currently head SLOUGH TOWN and WINDSOR & ETON on goal difference and also have four games in hand. Windsor in fact were the surprise leaders of the Premier Division in early November and hit a high when a crowd of 1,219 at Stag Meadow saw 'The Royals' overcome local rivals, Slough, thanks to a goal from David Regis. David Regis, brother of Cyril, joined Windsor this season from Fisher Athletic and has formed a profitable scoring partnership with Selvin Campbell who joined last season from Burnham.

The biggest shock of the month, next to Windsor leading the Premier Division, was the departure of LEYTONSTONE/ILFORD Manager John Still to join MAIDSTONE UNITED in the Conference. Still had been the target of Maidstone's Chairman Jim Thompson for sometime and with the resignation of Maidstone's Assistant Manager Bobby Arber and the move of Team Manager Bill Williams to the position of General Manager the move came into being. Still, who in his two spells with Leytonstone/Ilford brought them considerable success, including the Isthmian Championship in 1982, takes with him to Maidstone his assistant at Green Pond Road George Dudley. The question is who else will Still draw with him to Maidstone? According to Leytonstone/Ilford, who have already applied for a groung grading for the G M Vauxhall Conference, the present squad will remain together in what they believe is their strongest squad in their history. One move they could not prevent from Green Pond Road was the departure of leading scorer Liburd Henry, who joined Watford for a £20,000 fee during November. The former Rainham Town player joined 'The Stones' early last season after previously having trials at Millwall. He had also attracted the attention of Aberdeen and Crystal Palace before signing for Watford.

YEOVIL TOWN are the sole representatives for the VOL in the Second Round of the F A Cup this season. In their 18th appearance in the Second Round they travel to Cambridge United (conquerors of Farnborough Town in Round One). In the preceeding round Yeovil took a replay to beat Beazer Home side Worcester City - a crowd of 3,913 at Huish seeing a single goal from John McGinley settle the tie. Meanwhile in the League Yeovil continue to attract good gates - average around 1,700 - despite a dissapointing opening third of the season. They recently lost their 100% home league record for the season when they drew 0-0 with lowly BARKING - ironically their only away League victory of the season came at Barking on the opening day of the season.

Returning to the F A Cup, CARSHALTON ATHLETIC's F A Cup run came to an explosive close when they lost 3-2 in a delayed First Round tie at WELLING UNITED. Welling's biggest ever gate, 2,237, witnessed an incident packed encounter which saw six players booked and Carshalton defender Curtis Warmington sent-off. Welling's winner came in the last minute from Trevor Booker.

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# Premier Division

	Home						Away						Totals					
	P1	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts.	
Bromley	14	5	0	1	13	6	5	2	1	14	3	10	2	2	27	9	32	
Slough Town	18	6	2	1	17	6	4	0	5	17	12	10	2	6	34	18	32	
Windsor & Eton	18	7	2	1	21	7	2	3	3	9	10	9	5	4	30	17	32	
Bishop's Stortford	18	8	1	3	20	12	1	1	4	5	8	9	2	7	25	20	29	
Farnborough Town	14	5	1	1	14	5	4	0	3	16	13	9	1	4	30	18	28	
Wokingham Town	14	5	2	0	11	3	3	0	4	12	13	8	2	4	23	16	26	
Yeovil Town	13	7	1	0	16	2	1	0	4	5	9	8	1	4	21	11	25	
Leytonstone Ilford	13	4	2	1	12	3	3	1	2	9	10	7	3	3	21	13	24	
Carshalton Ath.	14	4	2	2	15	7	3	1	2	8	9	/	3	4	23	16	24	
Hayes	14	6	1	1	14	7	1	1	4	5	12	7	2	5	19	19	23	
St. Albans City	16	6	0	2	21	16	1	1	6	7	10	7	1	8	28	26	22	
Hendon	17	5	1	3	16	14	2	0	6	7	15	7	1	9	23	29	22	
Bognor Regis Tn.	13	4	0	1	11	5	2	3	3	11	15	6	3	4	22	20	21	
Harrow Borough	16	3	3	1	8	6	2	2	5	10	18	5	5	6	18	24	20	
Tooting & Mitcham	11	3	2	0	6	2	2	0	4	4	9	5	2	4	10	11	17	
Kingstonian	19	4	3	3	16	15	0	2	7	4	18	4	5	10	20	33	17	
Leyton-Wingate	12	2	2	2	7	10	2	0	4	7	10	4	2	6	14	20	14	
Croydon	12	1	3	2	5	6	1	2	3	6	8	2	5	5	11	14	11	
Basingstoke Town	12	3	0	2	7	7	0	2	5	3	15	3	2	7	10	22	11	
Dulwich Hamlet	18	1	1	5	5	14	1	3	7	9	26	2	4	12	14	40	10	
Barking	14	1	1	3	6	6	0	5	4	6	12	1	6	7	12	18	9	
Hitchin Town	14	1	1	5	8	19	0	2	5	4	14	1	3	10	12	33	6	

### LEADING GOALSCORERS:

		Lge	AE	GMAC
14: Jimmy Brown	(Slough Town)	13	0	1
13: Carl Zachhau	(B. Stortford)	12	0	1
12: Allan Cockram	(St. Albans City)	10	2	0
10: Simon Read	(Farnborough Town)	9	0	1
9: Gary Keen	(Hendon)	7	2	0
Murray Jones	(Carshalton Ath.)	7	1	1
Mark Graves	(Hayes)	5	3	1
8: Eurshall Fearon	(Wokingham Tn)	7	0	1
Iain Dowie	(Hendon)	7	1	0
7: Ronnie Murrock	(Bromley)	4	0	3
Simon Campbell	(Windsor)	6	1	0
6: Devon Gayle	(B. Stortford)	5	1	0
Sean Baker	(Leyton-Wingate)	4	1	1
Duncan Hardy	(Hendon)	6	0	0

### GOALSCORER OF THE YEAR



### LEADING ATTENDANCES CLUB BY CLUB:

- 2002: Yeovil Town v. Leytonstone Ilford  
 1219: Windsor & Eton v. Slough Town  
 885: Basingstoke Town v. Yeovil Town  
 835: Slough Town v. Windsor & Eton  
 731: Farnborough Town v. Slough Town  
 683: Bromley v. Kingstonian  
 548: St. Albans City v. Hendon  
 497: Bognor Regis Town v. Yeovil Town  
 489: Hitchin Town v. St. Albans City  
 483: Wokingham Town v. Basingstoke Town

### DIVISION ONE:

	P1	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Marlow	16	13	1	2	40	16	40
Grays Athletic	17	12	4	1	29	8	40
Wembley	17	5	3	5	33	21	30
Woking	16	9	1	6	40	26	28
Leatherhead	16	8	3	5	31	21	27
Basildon Utd.	17	8	2	7	24	26	26
Worthing	17	7	3	7	35	27	24
Staines Town	15	7	3	5	29	23	24
Walthamstow Ave.	18	7	2	9	25	25	23
Boreham Wood	13	7	1	5	20	18	22
Walton & Hersham	17	5	7	5	17	19	22
Chesham Utd.	18	6	4	8	28	34	22
Uxbridge	15	5	6	4	17	13	21
Oxford City	18	5	6	7	27	31	21
Hampton	14	5	4	5	20	20	19
Lewes	16	4	6	6	27	27	18

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*League*



**BEAZER HOME LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION**  
up to and including Wednesday 2 December 1987

	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CRAWLEY TOWN	16	7	6	3	30	23	27
DARTFORD	14	7	6	3	24	20	27
AYLESBURY UNITED	11	7	7	4	21	8	24
FAREHAM TOWN	14	7	7	4	21	17	24
LEICESTER UNITED	12	7	5	5	27	16	23
BROMSGROVE ROVERS	13	7	5	5	15	12	22
ALVECHURCH	12	7	5	5	14	13	20
CAMBRIDGE CITY	12	7	5	5	23	18	19
DORCHESTER TOWN	13	7	4	6	12	10	19
CORBY TOWN	14	7	4	6	19	22	18
CHELMSFORD CITY	12	7	4	6	15	12	17
V'S RUGBY	12	7	4	6	18	13	16
WORCESTER CITY	12	7	4	6	13	13	16
BURTON ALBION	15	7	4	4	23	26	16
GOSPORT BOROUGH	14	7	4	4	19	14	14
ASHFORD TOWN	11	7	4	4	18	20	14
SHEPSHED CHARTERHOUSE	13	7	4	4	16	20	14
BEDWORTH UNITED	11	7	4	4	16	21	14
NUNEATON BOROUGH	14	7	4	4	19	22	11
REDDITCH UNITED	13	7	4	4	16	25	9
WILLENHALL TOWN	11	7	4	4	17	8	8
WITNEY TOWN	12	7	4	4	10	23	5



**The Northern Premier Football League**

LEAGUE TABLES UP TO AND INCLUDING SATURDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER 1987

Pos.	Club.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Pos.	Club.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1	Frickley Athletic	22	12	5	5	34	25	41	1	Fleetwood Town	16	11	2	3	44	17	35
2	Morecambe	20	11	7	2	37	19	40	2	Accrington Stanley	17	11	2	4	34	13	35
3	Chorley	19	12	3	4	40	18	39	3	Leek Town	17	10	3	4	31	23	33
4	Hyde United	21	11	6	4	40	21	39	4	Eastwood Hanley	17	9	5	3	26	15	32
5	Southport	21	10	5	6	28	24	35	5	Droylsden	17	8	6	3	31	23	30
6	Worksop Town	19	9	7	3	42	30	34	6	Congleton Town	18	8	7	3	23	16	30 *
7	Barrow	16	10	2	4	29	14	32	7	Stalybridge Celtic	15	8	5	2	35	18	29
8	Goole Town	19	9	4	6	33	21	31	8	Farsley Celtic	14	8	3	3	30	22	27
9	Bangor City	22	8	7	7	36	31	31	9	Harrogate Town	16	7	6	3	26	19	27
10	Marine	18	8	6	4	34	18	30	10	Winsford United	20	8	3	9	32	28	27
11	Rhyl	18	6	8	4	24	17	26	11	Penrith	17	6	5	6	20	20	23
12	Gateshead	23	7	4	12	33	37	25	12	Radcliffe Borough	17	5	7	5	36	27	22
13	South Liverpool	15	6	6	3	24	17	24	13	Irlam Town	16	4	7	5	18	22	19
14	Witton Albion	17	6	6	5	21	17	24	14	Lancaster City	15	4	4	7	16	25	16
15	Horwich	18	6	4	8	23	20	22	15	Eastwood Town	16	4	3	9	21	30	15
16	Caernarfon Town	18	5	6	7	17	19	21	16	Sutton Town	18	3	2	13	19	64	11
17	Buxton	18	3	9	6	27	32	18	17	Alfreton Town	16	3	1	12	22	30	10
18	Matlock Town	15	4	4	7	19	29	16	18	Curzon Ashton	19	2	1	16	22	49	7
19	Mossley	19	3	6	10	22	34	15	19	Netherfield	13	1	2	10	8	33	5
20	Gainsborough Trin.	21	3	5	13	18	49	14									
21	Oswestry Town	20	2	4	14	14	50	10									
22	Workington	21	1	2	18	12	65	5									

\* Denotes one point deducted for breach of rule.

## **ALTERNATIVE FOOTBALL NETWORK**

**reviewed by Ian Blacklidge**

The last issue of CHAIRBOYS GAS concentrated on reviewing the national 'alternatives'. This issue spotlights a couple of the new wave of individual club supporters' magazines that have 'hit the stands' recently.

### **THE ELMSLIE ENDER**

**(WEALDSTONE F C)**

If Issue Three is a typical example of the standard achieved so far, this is a magazine to be proud of. Indeed this is the most professionally produced 'alternative' I have seen so far.

There is plenty of topical comment on the Club's problems including having to field two Supporters' Club players in GMVC matches this season! This was due to suspensions and, wait for it, one player being on holiday and another unavailable due to work commitments (sounds familiar).

Lots of interesting reading material, concentrating mainly on 'The Stones', but very relevant to what is currently going on in the game generally. A highly recommended read.

Available from: SUDHIR RAVAL, 37 GRANGE ROAD, KENTON, HARROW, MIDDLESEX, HA1 2PR. PRICE 40p + A5 S.A.E.

### **A KICK UP THE R'S**

**(QUEENS PARK RANGERS F C)**

I cannot think of a club that needs an independent voice more than QPR when you consider recent events at Loftus Road. With David 'Bulldozer' as Chairman and a 'puppet' Official Supporters Club that, would you believe, actually came out in favour of the Fulham Park Rangers merger, how do R's fans sleep at night?

Issue One gives publicity to a new supporters association that will give fans a chance to travel on coaches to away games without, in their words, "being treated like children and where stopping for a drink on the way is not considered a crime". Sounds like a good idea.

Well written articles include details of the spontaneous supporter power of last February that stopped (for the moment) the destruction of two great clubs, plus comment on the 'Thatcher inspired' 50% membership farce (a sure recipe for chaos). A KICK UP THE R'S also takes a swipe at clubs prostituting themselves by selling out to sponsors - this including players shirts fast becoming garish advertising hoardings rather than a symbol of pride and continuity that supporters can identify with.

Available from: 51A, ALEXANDER DRIVE, UPPER NORWOOD, LONDON, SE19 1AW. PRICE 50p (including postage and packing)

All the above plus many other Club Magazines can be purchased from:  
SPORTSPAGES BOOK SHOP, CAMBRIDGE CIRCUS SHOPPING CENTRE, LONDON.  
(NEAR TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD TUBE STATION).

"WHEN SATURDAY COMES" and "OFF THE BALL" are also available from the Blues Club Shop - priced 35p and 40p respectively.

## GRAHAM BRESSINGTON

Wycombe Wanderers 1st March 1986 - 21st November 1987  
73 appearances - 7 goals - 13 bookings - 2 sendings-off

Graham Bressington came almost unnoticed to Loakes Park in March 1986 - in fact his first game was an 'unofficial' friendly at home to Ruislip Manor where he scored two goals in the Wanderers 7-0 victory. Claimed to be 'KID COURAGE' by the BFP he told Rolf Niven "I can play first team football at Wycombe - it is only a matter of time before that happens". To be exact it was seven days with his first official appearance for Wycombe coming in a 2-2 draw at Frickley.

By the end of the season Bressington had made 12 appearances for Wycombe in the Gola League and also toured with the Club to Greece where he scored twice.

At the start of the 1986/87 season he was 'just another player' - sitting it out regularly on the bench and even coming on to replace Noel Ashford in goal on one occasion against Bognor. But by the new year he was a regular in his midfield position and had adopted the now familiar nickname - 'RAMBO'.

Rambo's only competitive goals for the Wanderers came in a month long spell. He opened his account with a fine individual effort in the 3-0 defeat of Bromley at Loakes on 24 January 1987 and three days later added one to his tally with a piledriver in the 11-1 humiliation of Windsor. The following Saturday he scored the goal that broke the deadlock at St Albans but a week later at Farnborough it was back between the sticks as a last minute replacement for the injured Gary Lester - amazingly enough he kept a clean sheet. His month of scoring was completed when he scored two more vital goals in the League against Windsor at Stag Meadow.

'Bressie' made his 43rd and last appearance of the season during 'that night at Bognor' but an injured foot caused through a 'family illness' (?) meant he missed the joy of playing at Hitchin, Wolverton and Dulwich.

After spending the summer in New Zealand, 'Bressie' made his first appearance of this season at Northwich and immediately made an impact with his battling qualities. Further improvement came in following games, reaching a high point with a commanding performance against Runcorn. After a spell out injured he made his return at Enfield and a week later was impressing Lincoln City at Loakes Park. Never one to mince words, 'Bressie' was sent-off for dissent at Boston and played his last game at Loakes Park against Sutton and for the Club at Altrincham - he will be greatly missed.



## Results

Tuesday 3 November 1987			
Kettering	1-1	Cheltenham	1149
<i>Wednesday 4 November 1987</i>			
Weymouth	2-1	Sutton	1505
<i>Saturday November 7 1987</i>			
Altrincham	0-1	Sutton	1561
Barnet	4-0	Bath	2344
Boston	2-2	Runcorn	1167
Cheltenham	2-0	Fisher	1357
Dagenham	2-4	Stafford	452
Kidderminster	2-1	Kettering	1521
Macclesfield	3-2	Welling	893
Northwich	1-1	Enfield	799
Wealdstone	2-2	Telford	640
Wycombe	1-2	Lincoln	2105
<i>Saturday November 14 1987</i>			
Boston	4-0	Wycombe	1321
Enfield	5-2	Wealdstone	685
Kettering	2-1	Fisher	1135
Weymouth	2-0	Stafford	1765
<i>Tuesday November 17 1987</i>			
Enfield	2-4	Maidstone	747
Stafford	0-1	Macclesfield	1392
Wealdstone	1-4	Cheltenham	490
Wycombe	1-1	Sutton	1217
<i>Saturday 21 November 1987</i>			
Altrincham	4-2	Wycombe	1370
Bath	2-0	Kettering	613
Cheltenham	0-2	Barnet	1674
Enfield	0-0	Stafford	764
Fisher	1-2	Macclesfield	453
Lincoln	0-0	Weymouth	3890
Maidstone	1-2	Boston	884
Runcorn	2-1	Telford	810
Sutton	1-1	Dagenham	611
Wealdstone	1-1	Kidderminster	563
<i>Tuesday 24 November 1987</i>			
Kettering	1-1	Barnet	2245
Stafford	1-1	Telford	1536
Wycombe	2-1	Dagenham	1225
<i>Wednesday 25 November 1987</i>			
Lincoln	3-0	Macclesfield	2544

*Saturday 28 November 1987*

Barnet	5-1	Wealdstone	2167
Boston	2-0	Bath	1403
Fisher	0-0	Northwich	318
Kettering	1-2	Altrincham	1186
Kidderminster	1-1	Dagenham	1007
Macclesfield	1-0	Cheltenham	1257
Stafford	2-3	Maidstone	999
Sutton	4-1	Lincoln	1013
Telford	4-0	Enfield	1165
Welling	1-1	Runcorn	725
Weymouth	0-0	Wycombe	1678

*Monday 30 November 1987*

Dagenham	1-5	Fisher
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### DO THEY MEAN US? (EXTRA)

Extract from this season's Non-League Directory.

### Wycombe Wanderers

#### Programme Details:

32 pages, 30 pence

#### Any other Club Publications:

Club Handbook £1.00

Supporters Magazine (Chairboys Gas) 30p

#### Local Newspapers:

Wycombe Wanderer and Sale Guardian

Wycombe Wanderer Express Advertiser

Sale and Wycombe Wanderers Messenger

Manchester Evening News

AM Weekend

#### Local Radio Stations:

BBC Radio Manchester

Piccadilly Radio

Is this something to do with the location of the new ground?



## Fixtures

*Saturday 5 December 1987*

Cheltenham	Stafford
Dagenham	Barnet
Fisher	Telford
Wealdstone	Weymouth
Wycombe	Boston

*Tuesday 8 December 1987*

Macclesfield	Bath
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*Saturday 12 December 1987*

Barnet	Boston
Bath	Fisher
Cheltenham	Macclesfield
Enfield	Welling
Lincoln	Northwich
Maidstone	Kettering
Runcorn	Wycombe
Stafford	Kidderminster
Sutton	Wealdstone
Telford	Altrincham
Weymouth	Dagenham

*Saturday 26 December 1987*

Macclesfield	Altrincham
Barnet	Enfield
Boston	Lincoln
Dagenham	Wealdstone
Fisher	Welling
Kettering	Wycombe
Kidderminster	Cheltenham
Runcorn	Northwich
Sutton	Maidstone
Telford	Stafford
Weymouth	Bath

*Monday 28 December 1987*

Barnet	Sutton
Bath	Dagenham
Cheltenham	Weymouth
Lincoln	Kidderminster
Macclesfield	Fisher
Maidstone	Fisher
Northwich	Telford
Stafford	Altrincham
Wealdstone	Boston
Welling	Kettering

*Saturday 2 January 1987*

Boston	Altrincham
Cheltenham	Dagenham
Enfield	Telford
Fisher	Wealdstone
Kettering	Macclesfield
Kidderminster	Runcorn
Northwich	Lincoln
Stafford	Bath
Welling	Sutton
Weymouth	Barnet
Wycombe	Maidstone



F A CUP SECOND ROUND PROPER

*Saturday 5 December 1987*

Bristol C	v	Torquay United
Cambridge U	v	YEOVIL TOWN
Colchester	v	Hereford
Gillingham	v	Walsall
Grimsby Town	v	HALIFAX TOWN
Leyton O	v	SWANSEA CITY
MAIDSTONE U	v	KIDDERMINSTER
Mansfield T	v	LINCOLN CITY
Northampton	v	Brighton & H A
Port Vale	v	Notts County
Peterborough	v	SUTTON UNITED
RUNCORN	v	Stockport
Scunthorpe U	v	Sunderland
V S RUGBY	v	Bristol Rovers
WELLING U	v	BATH CITY
Wigan Ath	v	Wolves
Wrexham	v	Bolton
York City	v	Hartlepool

F A CUP SECOND ROUND PROPER

*Sunday 5 December 1987*

MACCLESFIELD	v	Rotherham U
NORTHWICH	v	Blackpool